

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF RADLEY PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD AT THE CHURCH ROOM, RADLEY, ON THURSDAY, 22  
SEPTEMBER 2005 AT 7.30 PM**

**PRESENT:** Cr B Mott (in the Chair)  
Crs Crowley, Henderson, Johnston, Nutt, Rogers, Wilson  
Mr N Irwin and Mr E Sparks, MotoCross, attended for Item 143/05

**136/05 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Crs D Standen and J Standen.

**137/05 DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE**

Cr Guy Rogers signed the declaration of acceptance of office.

**138/05 DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

Cr Crowley declared a personal but non-prejudicial interest as set out in the Standards Board for England lobby group, dual-hatted members and the Code of Conduct, top paragraph, page 7.

There were no other declarations of interest.

**139/05 MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL, 25  
AUGUST 2005**

The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on 25 August 2005 were **APPROVED** and signed by the Chairman with the following amendments:

Minute 130/05(i)(d): Add – Cr J Standen **AGREED** to report on the effect of this legislation on Parish Councils.

Minute 132/05: Add:

- (g) **ADDITIONAL STREET LIGHTING, LOWER RADLEY:** It was noted that the OCC Street Lighting Officer would like a site meeting to discuss the site for additional lighting. The Clerk was asked to arrange this.

**140/05 BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES**

- (a) **VANDALISM TO SPORTS PAVILION – COST OF REPAIRS:** The Clerk reported that a total of £4,371.21 had been received towards the repair work, which had cost £4,571.21. The Clerk was asked to ascertain what action the police were taking in relation to the vandalism.
- (b) **CAR PARK, CHURCH ROAD:** A further letter had been sent to the OCC stressing the educational link in relation to the use of the car park.

- (c) GREAT WESTERN RAIL FRANCHISE – STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION DOCUMENT: No further information had been received.
- (d) FOOTPATH 8: It was noted that the farmer hoped to clear the undergrowth by the side of the footpath more regularly next season.
- (e) TREE PRESERVATION ORDERS: No reply had been received from the DC.
- (f) DEVELOPMENT, CHURCH ROAD: It was noted that the Planning Officer had reiterated that the developers cannot build anything more or different to what has planning permission.
- (g) PARISH PLAN: No work had been undertaken on the application for a grant.
- (h) CAMPAIGN FOR THE SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES BILL: It was noted that Cr J Standen had reviewed the correspondence and considered that, although there were worthy enough aims, it could if taken in their entirety, devolve more work to Parish Councils as well as the larger local councils.
- (i) ELECTRICITY CUTS – LOWER RADLEY: Cr Mott reported that he had spoken to Southern Electric about the electricity cuts and had ascertained that they were caused by damage to overhead cables at Kennington.

#### **141/05 POLICE MATTERS**

It was noted that at the Police Surgery on the 3 September 2005 two youths pushing a stolen motorcycle were apprehended. The Clerk was asked to ascertain the outcome.

There were problems with cars parking on the pavement at 17 Church Road. The Clerk would give leaflets to Councillors for use in incidents such as this, and report the problem to the police.

#### **142/05 PLANNING MATTERS**

- (i) New Applications:
  - (a) RAD/14959/4 – Extension and alterations, Bakers Close, 104 Lower Radley
  - (b) RAD/14959/5-LB – Extension and alterations, Bakers Close, 104 Lower Radley: The Parish Council regarded Lower Radley as a Conservation Area and objected to the demolition of the thatched roof. It would like to be assured that this was in line with the listed building policy.

#### **143/05 NOISE NUISANCE, CULHAM**

Mr Neil Irwin and Mr Ernest Sparks attended for this item. They indicated that this was probably the only facility in Oxfordshire for this type of sport, and would only remain there with the goodwill of everyone. There was discussion on the:

- (a) Planning permissions needed. The organisers indicated that they worked within the fourteen day rule, and typically used about twelve days. They worked closely with the South Oxfordshire DC in relation to the planning permission. The course should not be used in between fixtures.
- (b) Way vehicles were monitored. The noise level of vehicles was stringently monitored before the events started. If the vehicles were above the level they were not allowed to participate.
- (c) Problems which occurred in May, which were due to flooding of an area normally used.
- (d) Involvement of the Vale of White Horse DC who was monitoring the noise level since a number of complaints had been received. The noise level in Radley for the last meeting was barely audible.

The last meeting of the current season would be taking place on the 9 October 2005. The organisers agreed to let the Parish Council have future fixture lists.

Mr Irwin outlined the work he had undertaken with South Oxfordshire DC on the problem of illegal motorcyclists. He indicated that he was willing to help with the problem in Radley.

Mr Irwin and Mr Sparks were thanked for coming to meet the Parish Council. **IT WAS AGREED** that there would be closer links in the future, and if Councillors wished to attend any of the events this could be arranged.

#### **144/05 FUTURE OF VILLAGE SHOP**

The Chairman reported that he was still approaching relevant companies, and two minor organisations were looking at it. The Estate Agents were dealing with the sale of the flats, but the builder was looking after the letting of the shop. It was noted that the development had been called Catherine Court, which was a different spelling than Catharine Close, and this would be drawn to the attention of the developer.

#### **145/05 FINANCIAL MATTERS**

- (a) ACCOUNTS 2004/2005: The Clerk reported that the accounts had been to the Internal Auditor. Some minor comments had been made which would be discussed at the next meeting of the Finance and Administration Committee. It was proposed by Cr Johnston, seconded by Cr Mott and unanimously **AGREED** that the accounts should be accepted.
- (b) ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

It was proposed by Cr Johnston, seconded by Cr Mott and **AGREED** that the following payments should be made:

- (i) Miss S E Raven £1,123.80

1.	Salary, September 2005:	£368.32
2.	Payment to Village Cleaner, September/October 2005:	£68.75
3.	Expenses, Quarter ended 30 June 2005:	£335.73
	Expenses:	£25.00
	Telephone:	£21.74
	Mileage:	£128.64
	Postage:	£59.41
	Stationery:	£81.95
	Bags for Cleaner:	£0.99
	Local Council Review:	£13.00
	Additional Keys – Padlocks:	£6.00
4.	Expenses, Quarter ended 30 September 2005:	£351.00
	Expenses:	£25.00
	Telephone:	£21.74
	Mileage:	£154.17
	Postage:	£54.63
	Stationery:	£53.98
	Photocopying:	£1.92
	Bags for Cleaner:	£1.38
	Cement – Play Area:	£3.76
	Toilet Seat, Sports Pavilion:	£10.48
	Badges – Garden Comp:	£5.98
	Rodent Killer – Sports Pavilion:	£7.98
	Storage Box – Millennium Trinket Boxes:	£2.98
	Updates –SLCC Clerk’s Manual:	£7.00
(ii)	Southern Electric – Sports Pavilion:	£37.71
(iii)	Copycat Services - Photocopying:	£73.46
(iv)	Ringrose Tree Surgery Ltd:	£52.87
(v)	RJS (IA) Ltd – Internal Audit:	£140.00

The payment of £21.99 to Cr D Standen for the Manhole Cover/Padlock Play Area was not signed as a signed request had not been received.

#### **146/05 GOOSEACRE RECREATIONAL FIELD**

- (a) GRASS CUTTING, GOOSEACRE: This would be discussed at the next Finance and Administration Committee.
- (b) CLEANING OF SPORTS PAVILION: The Clerk reported that no one had applied for the posts of Caretaker and Cleaner, and the post would be advertised again in Radley News.

## 147/05 CORRESPONDENCE

### (i) ACTION REQUIRED:

- (a) Vale of White Horse DC:
  - (i) Lopping of one unknown tree at 37 Bigwood Park: No objections
  - (ii) The South East Rural Affairs Forum: The Parish Council noted that new members were wanted
- (b) Oxfordshire County Council:
  - (i) Consultation questionnaire and invitation to briefing - New housing to 2026 in Oxfordshire under the South East Plan: Cr Henderson **AGREED** to represent the Parish Council at one of the consultation meetings. More copies of the consultation questionnaire would be obtained, and circulated for the next meeting.
- (c) Oxfordshire Rural Community Council:
  - (i) DEFRA's Rural Social and Community Programme – Open Meetings
  - (ii) Annual General Meeting 2005, 2 December 2005, at 11 am, The Oxford Centre, 333 Banbury Road, Oxford
- (d) Office of the Deputy Prime Minister – Proposed Changes to Regional Planning Guidance for the South East (RPG9) – Waste and Minerals
- (e) Thames Valley Police – Safer Streets campaign

The Parish Council **AGREED** that no action was required in relation to items (c) – (e)

### (ii) FOR INFORMATION

- (a) Oxfordshire County Council:
  - (i) Home2School Newsletter – Autumn 2005
  - (ii) Who and How – Your guide to Oxfordshire County Council
  - (iii) Second Local Transport Plan to cover the period April 2006 to March 2011 – letter outlines guidance requirements and the consequences it will have on Integrated Transport Strategy programmes
- (iv) AbITS Village Report – Halcrow's report on the villages: There was no money to support the proposals at the current time. A copy of the details would be given to all Councillors.
- (v) Draft proposal for developing Children's Centres from 2006-2008
- (b) RWE npower – planning application: Cr Johnston left the meeting when this item was under discussion:
  - (i) Oxfordshire County Council – Interim Ecological Report: It was noted that the Environment Agency had objected, the main objection being flood risk. Most of the OCC Planning Committee had attended a site meeting, and the decision on the planning application would be taken by full committee.

It was noted that objectors would be invited to speak for up to five minutes at the Planning Committee, and the Parish Council considered who should speak on its behalf. **IT WAS AGREED** that Cr Crowley would do this if he were not speaking on behalf of Save Radley Lakes Group. If this was the case, Cr Mott would represent the Parish Council.

- (ii) Save Radley Lakes Group – Response
- (iii) Letter of Objection from Mr C R Tyler
- (c) South East and South West Oxfordshire Primary Care Trusts – Public Board Meeting, 22 September 2005 9.30 – 1 pm, Civic Hall, Didcot
- (d) Clerks and Councils Direct, September 2005
- (e) Local Council Review, September 2005
- (f) OALC Circular, September 2005
- (g) Carter Jonas – Regional Spatial Strategy Consultation – Central Oxfordshire
- (h) Oxfordshire Community and Voluntary Aid – Invitation to a creative and interactive day of workshops, training, networking for voluntary and community organisations in Oxford
- (i) RoSPA – Play Area Safety Inspection Report
- (j) Evolving City – Autumn/winter events 2005
- (k) Glasdon – Local Council News Sheet

#### **148/05 CONSERVATION MATTERS**

- (a) **FOOTPATH 9 – CHANGE OF DESIGNATION:** The Clerk outlined the advice received from the OCC, which showed that even if the Parish Council requested any change in designation action would be unlikely in the near future. The Parish Council **AGREED** that it should ask for a change of designation of the BOAT so that the request was in the system.

It was noted that some of the smaller rubbish had been removed, but the larger items still needed to be removed.

- (b) **OCC – RIGHTS OF WAY IMPROVEMENT PLAN:** Cr Wilson indicated that this showed that Radley Parish Council had responded to the consultation.
- (c) **“NEIGHBOURLY” HEDGES:** Cr Mott outlined details of information published on the matter of garden boundary hedges and the ability of an aggrieved person to complain to their District Council. These handbooks entitled “Over the Garden Hedge” and “High Hedges: complaining to the Council”, related to possible unsatisfactory situations and the ability of a District Council to take action, within their powers in Part 8 of the Anti-Social

Behaviour Act 2003, if the situation could not be resolved by “neighbourly means”. The legislation allows District Councils if taking responsibility for action against an offending neighbour, to make a charge upon “the complainant” to assist with the Council’s procedural costs, and the Vale of White Horse DC has set this fee as £450, and the Government legislation does not provide for a complainant to be awarded repayment of their cost by a neighbour judged to have committed an offence under the legislation. **IT WAS AGREED**, six votes to one, that the Parish Council should make representation to the Oxfordshire Association of Local Councils, asking if this could be take up by NALC.

#### **149/05 HIGHWAY MATTERS**

- (a) **TRAFFIC PROBLEMS – SUGWORTH LANE:** The Councillors considered the report received from Mr King. **IT WAS AGREED** that a copy should be forwarded to the OCC and ask for comments. Cr Johnston reported that he was on the OCC Speed Management Group, and would raise this with them.
- (b) **ROAD CONDITIONS:**
  - (i) **FERNY CLOSE – POTHOLES:** The OCC was keeping this area under review.
  - (ii) **AUDLETT DRIVE/TWELVE ACRE DRIVE ROUNDABOUT – ROAD SURFACE:** This area should be repaired shortly.
- (c) **CHURCH ROAD – TREE MANAGEMENT:** The current position was not known.

#### **150/05 RWE NPOWER LIAISON COMMITTEE, 18 OCTOBER 2005**

**IT WAS AGREED** that the Power Station should be asked if this meeting could be postponed until the planning application had been settled.

#### **151/05 PARISH WEBSITE**

Cr Wilson reported that Thos Merrifield had lifted photos and text from the website. The Clerk had asked the OALC for advice on this and **IT WAS AGREED** that subject to this advice a strong complaint with a demand for payment of £750, should be made to the firm.

#### **152/05 REPORT OF DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLOR**

Cr Johnston reported that 1800 of the wheelie bins had been distributed.

Date: .....  
Chairman